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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee (see A/C.2/45/1).

2. The Committee considered the item at its 39th to 43rd, 49th and 54th meetings, from 12 to 14 and 28 November and on 11 December 1990. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/45/SR.39-43). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 8 to 11 October (A/C.2/45/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/45/46	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992, on its first session 1/

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/45/46).

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A/45/177	Letter dated 20 March 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a letter dated 18 March 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR addressed to the Secretary-General
A/45/303	Letter dated 5 June 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a joint communiqué adopted by the First Meeting of the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultations and Co-operation, Group of 15, held at Kuala Lumpur from 1 to 3 June 1990
A/45/313	Letter dated 12 June 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a joint press release issued by Guyana and the Commonwealth Secretariat on the occasion of World Environment Day
A/45/336-S/21385	Letter dated 29 June 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions adopted by the Heads of State or Government of the Twelve States members of the European Community at the meeting of the European Council, held at Dublin on 25 and 26 June 1990
A/45/345	Letter dated 12 July 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report on the Programme of Sustainable Tropical Forestry undertaken by the Government of Guyana and the Commonwealth Secretariat
A/45/361	Letter dated 27 June 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Kuala Lumpur Accord on Environment and Development issued at Kuala Lumpur on 19 June 1990 by the ASEAN Ministers for Environment at the Fourth ASEAN Meeting of Ministers for the Environment
A/45/584	Letter dated 4 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77

A/45/598-S/21854	Letter dated 3 October 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint statement by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America: Responsibility for Peace and Security in the Changing World
A/45/666	Note verbale dated 23 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a document containing the documents of the Siena Forum on International Law of the Environment
A/45/675	Letter dated 26 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents issued by the Presidents of the Rio Group on the occasion of the Presidential Meeting of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political Action, held at Caracas on 11 and 12 October 1990
A/45/803	Letter dated 14 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a communiqué issued by the meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers, held at Port-of-Spain, on 19 and 20 September 1990
A/C.2/45/12	Letter dated 14 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents entitled "A Call to Action: Communiqué from the Seventh Ministerial Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean" and "The Port-of-Spain Accord on the Management and Conservation of the Caribbean Environment"

4. At the 39th meeting, on 12 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and the Under-Secretary-General for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (see A/C.2/45/SR.39).

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II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.59 and A/C.2/45/L.95

5. At the 49th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.59), entitled "Environment and international trade", and orally revised the operative paragraph thereof by inserting the words "for the third session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" before the words "to prepare". The text, as orally revised, read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

"Taking note of decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 of the Trade and Development Board, entitled "UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development", 1/

"Also taking note of decision 1/25 of 31 August 1990 of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, entitled "Environment and development", 2/

"Reaffirming the terms of the statement on sustainable development adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifteenth session, 3/

"Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to prepare for the third session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development a comprehensive analytical study on the present situation and future trends regarding the relation between environmental issues and international trade, reflecting, inter alia, the perspective that environmental concerns should not be used to introduce new forms of conditionality and should not serve as a pretext for creating unjustified barriers to trade; the report should cover trade and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies, as well as the appearance of non-tariff trade barriers resulting from environmental concerns and the impact of such barriers on the economic development of developing countries."

"1/ See A/45/15, chap. III, sect. B.2.

"2/ See A/45/46, annex I.

"3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25), annex, decision 15/B, annex II.

6. At the 54th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.95) submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.59, and orally corrected it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the word "acknowledged" was replaced by the word "stated";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "for submission to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, the report on transfer of technology, including, inter alia, the obstacles on both the importing and exporting sides, that impede the transfer of environmentally sound technologies, requested by the Preparatory Committee in decision 1/8" were replaced by "the report on transfer of technology requested in decision 1/8 of the First Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for submission to the third session of the Preparatory Committee, including the obstacles on both the importing and exporting sides that impede the transfer of environmentally sound technologies".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.95, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 13, draft resolution I).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.95, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.59 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.60 and A/C.2/45/L.82

9. At the 49th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.60), entitled "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organizational session, held at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 16 March 1990, 1/

"Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session, held at Nairobi from 6 to 31 August 1990, 2/

"1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

"1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/44/48).

"2/ A/45/46.

"2. Stresses the fundamental interrelationship between environment and development and reiterates the need for a balance to be kept between the development and the environment dimensions during the entire preparatory process and during the Conference, and the need for cross-sectoral issues to be fully integrated into that work;

"3. Reaffirms its decisions relating to the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational session;

"4. Takes note of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session and endorses the decisions contained therein; 3/

"5. Decides that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall take place at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1 to 12 June 1992;

"6. Urges that representation at the Conference be at the level of head of State or Government, on the understanding that invitations will be issued in accordance with established United Nations practice;

"7. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and invites Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund so that the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, may be assisted in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and in its preparatory process, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228, section II, paragraph 15;

"8. Calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give full support to the preparatory process for the Conference and assist the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the implementation of the work programme, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/228;

"9. Requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to extend full co-operation to developing countries in order to ensure that appropriate preparations for the forthcoming sessions of the Preparatory Committee are made, in particular in all aspects relating to linkages between environment and development, including the identification of concrete measures and action to ensure that these issues are treated in a balanced and integrated way;

"10. Endorses Preparatory Committee decision 1/7 of 29 August 1990 concerning the dates of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee;

"3/ Ibid., annex I.

"11. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to ensure the timely submission to the Preparatory Committee at its second and third sessions of the reports requested at its first session;

"12. Takes note of the provisions of Preparatory Committee decision 1/1 of 14 August 1990 3/ and authorizes the Preparatory Committee, without prejudice to the provisions of Assembly resolution 44/228, to continue to apply, for the purpose of the preparatory process, the provisional arrangements agreed upon in that decision concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

"13. Reiterates that the Preparatory Committee shall review and assess ongoing negotiating processes in the field of the environment and that the forums involved in such processes shall report regularly on their activities to the Preparatory Committee at its forthcoming session, in accordance with the guidelines and requirements established by the Preparatory Committee."

10. At the 54th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.82) submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.60, and orally corrected operative paragraph 7 thereof by replacing the words "Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to invite all States" by the words "Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to issue invitations to all States".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.82, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 13, draft resolution II).

12. In the light of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.82, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.60 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

13. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Environment and international trade

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Affirming decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 of the Trade and Development Board, entitled "UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development", 2/

Also affirming decision 1/25 of 31 August 1990 of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, entitled "Environment and development", 3/

Reaffirming the statement on sustainable development adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifteenth session, 4/

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and relevant United Nations bodies, taking into account the relevant parts of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) and the work done by international organizations and in other relevant forums and in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/228, in which it was stated that environmental concerns and considerations are crucial to achieving sustainable development for all countries but should not serve as a pretext for creating unjustified barriers to trade, to prepare a comprehensive analytical study, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its third session, on the present situation and future trends regarding the relation between environmental issues and international trade and covering, inter alia, the following subjects:

(a) The consideration of trade and environment, in the light of the analysis requested of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in paragraph 5 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) concerning the issue of sustainable development, in particular the reduction of poverty and its interface with policies and mechanisms in environmentally sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, energy, industry and transport, as well as with relevant structural policies, such as those related to the enterprise sector;

(b) Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures which have a bearing on the environment, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII);

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other relevant United Nations organs,

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2/ See A/45/15, chap. III, sect. B.2.

3/ See A/45/46, annex I.

4/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25), annex, decision 15/B, annex II.

organizations and programmes in preparing the report on transfer of technology requested in decision 1/8 of the First Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for submission to the third session of the Preparatory Committee, including the obstacles on both the importing and exporting sides that impede the transfer of environmentally sound technologies.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organizational session, held at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 16 March 1990, 5/

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session, held at Nairobi from 6 to 31 August 1990, 6/

1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. Stresses the fundamental interrelationship between environment and development, and reiterates the need to integrate and keep the balance between the environmental and developmental dimensions during the entire preparatory process and during the Conference, and the need for cross-sectoral issues to be fully integrated into that work;

3. Reaffirms its endorsement of the decisions contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational session; 5/

4. Takes note of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session and endorses the decisions contained therein; 7/

5. Decides that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall take place at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1 to 12 June 1992;

6. Urges that representation at the Conference be at the level of head of State or Government;

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/44/48).

6/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/45/46).

7/ Ibid., annex I.

7. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to issue invitations to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

8. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and invites Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund in order that the operation of the Fund may enable developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference and in its preparatory process, in accordance with section II, paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 44/228;

9. Calls upon the United Nations Environment Programme and other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give full support to the preparatory process for the Conference and assist the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the implementation of the work programme, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/228;

10. Requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to extend full co-operation to developing countries in order to ensure that appropriate preparations for the forthcoming sessions of the Preparatory Committee are made, in particular in all aspects relating to linkages between environment and development, including the identification of concrete measures and action to ensure that these issues are treated in a balanced and integrated way;

11. Endorses Preparatory Committee decision 1/7 of 29 August 1990 concerning the dates of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee;

12. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to ensure the timely submission to the Preparatory Committee at its second and third sessions of the reports requested at its first session;

13. Takes note of the provisions of Preparatory Committee decision 1/1 of 14 August 1990 7/ and authorizes the Preparatory Committee, without prejudice to the provisions of Assembly resolution 44/228, to continue to apply, for the purpose of the preparatory process, the provisional arrangements agreed upon in that decision concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

14. Reiterates that the Preparatory Committee shall review and assess ongoing negotiating processes in the field of the environment and invites the forums involved in such processes to report regularly on their activities to the Preparatory Committee at its forthcoming sessions, in accordance with the guidelines and requirements established by the Preparatory Committee.

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PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ryszard RYSINSKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 39th to 43rd, 51st and 54th meetings, on 12 to 14 November and 5 and 11 December 1990. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/45/SR.39-43). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 8 to 11 October (A/C.2/45/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/45/177 Letter dated 20 March 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a letter dated 18 March 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR addressed to the Secretary-General

A/45/303	Letter dated 5 June 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a joint communiqué adopted by the First Meeting of the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultations and Co-operation, Group of 15, held at Kuala Lumpur from 1 to 3 June 1990
A/45/361	Letter dated 27 June 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Kuala Lumpur Accord on Environment and Development issued at Kuala Lumpur on 19 June 1990 by the ASEAN Ministers for Environment at the Fourth ASEAN Meeting of Ministers for the Environment
A/45/598- S/21854	Letter dated 3 October 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint statement by the USSR and the United States of America entitled "Responsibility for Peace and Security in the Changing World"
A/45/666	Note verbale dated 23 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents concerning the Siena Forum on International Law of the Environment and its conclusions
A/45/696 and Add.1	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 44/207 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
A/45/803	Letter dated 14 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a communiqué issued by the meeting of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers, held at Port-of-Spain, on 19 and 20 September 1990
A/C.2/45/12	Letter dated 14 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents entitled "A Call to Action: Communiqué from the Seventh Ministerial Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean" and "The Port-of-Spain Accord on the Management and Conservation of the Caribbean Environment"

4. At the 39th meeting, on 12 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and the Under-Secretary-General for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (see A/C.2/45/SR.39).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/45/L.66 AND L.93

5. At the 51st meeting, on 5 December, the representative of Malta introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.66) entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind", on behalf of Bangladesh, Canada, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Fiji, Finland, Iceland, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay and Vanuatu, subsequently joined by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988 and 44/207 of 22 December 1989, in which it recognized that climate change is a common concern of mankind, and urging Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and scientific institutions to join in a concerted effort with the aim of preparing, as a matter of urgency, a framework convention on climate, and other related instruments, containing appropriate commitments for actions to combat climate change and its adverse effects, taking into account the most up-to-date sound scientific knowledge and any existing uncertainties, and taking into consideration the specific needs of developing countries,

"Recalling also its resolution 44/206 of 22 December 1989 on the possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas,

"Recalling further its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 concerning the convening of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

"Noting the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization,

"Noting the recommendations and decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, adopted at its first session, 1/

"Expressing its appreciation of the valuable work accomplished by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which has completed its first assessment report,

"Noting the relevant conclusions and recommendations on climate change adopted at various intergovernmental meetings during 1990,

"Welcoming the fact that several countries, both individually and collectively, have already taken measures or made specific commitments to address the problem of climate change and its effects through the stabilization and/or reduction of environmentally harmful emissions of greenhouse gases and that other countries are contemplating doing so,

"Noting the Ministerial Declaration and conclusions adopted at the Second World Climate Conference, held at Geneva, Switzerland, from 29 October to 7 November 1990, 2/

"Noting that, pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 44/207, resolution 4 (EC-XLII) of 22 June 1990 of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization and decision SS.II/3 of 3 August 1990, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its second special session, an Ad Hoc Working Group of Government Representatives to prepare for negotiations on a framework convention on climate change met at Geneva from 24 to 26 September 1990 and adopted a number of recommendations, 3/

"Recognizing the continuing need for scientific research into the sources and effects of climate change, including the socio-economic consequences, and the effectiveness of possible response strategies, and recognizing also the importance of the active participation of developing countries in climate-related research,

"1. Decides to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as might be agreed upon, taking into account the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on

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"1/ See A/45/46.

"2/ See A/45/696/Add.1.

"3/ A/45/696, annex.

Climate Change, the results achieved at international meetings on the subject, including the Second World Climate Conference, as well as proposals that may be submitted by States participating in the negotiating process;

"2. Decides that the negotiating process should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the participation of observers in accordance with the practice established by the General Assembly;

"3. Encourages the organization of broad-based preparatory processes at the national level involving the scientific community, industry, trade unions, appropriate non-governmental organizations and other interested groups;

"4. Decides that the first negotiating session should be held at Washington, D.C., in February 1991 and that, subject to review of the timetable at the end of each negotiating session and taking into account the schedule of other intergovernmental meetings on environment and development matters, further meetings should generally be held at Geneva in May/June 1991, August/September 1991 and November/December 1991 and, as appropriate, between January and June 1992, on the understanding that at least one of the meetings in 1991 would be held at Nairobi;

"5. Further decides that the maximum duration of each of the negotiating sessions should be two weeks;

"6. Considers that the negotiations for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as might be agreed upon, should be completed in time for signature at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992 and should be signed during the Conference;

"7. Reaffirms the principles embodied in its resolutions 44/207 and 44/228, as well as those reflected in the Ministerial Declaration and the conclusions adopted at the Second World Climate Conference, which take into account the concerns of all States and the specific needs of developing countries, as the framework for the negotiations;

"8. Decides to establish a special voluntary fund to ensure that developing countries, including small island States, in particular the least developed among them, are able to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process, and invites Governments and regional economic integration organizations to contribute to the fund;

"9. Decides that at the first session of the negotiating process, to be held at Washington, a Bureau consisting of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur shall be elected, with due regard to equitable geographical representation and the need to reflect a balance of interests and specific concerns;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, as well as with the executive heads of other United Nations bodies with expertise in the field of development, to establish at Geneva an ad hoc secretariat of appropriate size and quality, consisting mainly of Professional staff of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, co-ordinated by those two organizations and supplemented by staff from other bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, in order to ensure that the ad hoc secretariat embodies the requisite expertise in the fields of environment, energy, agriculture and forestry, climate and development;

"11. Decides that the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint as head of the ad hoc secretariat a senior official of an appropriate level, who shall act under the guidance of the negotiating body;

"12. Requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to ensure that the panel can respond to the needs and requests for objective scientific and technical advice made during the negotiating process;

"13. Also requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to make available at the first session of the negotiating process the first assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, including information on its legal and institutional mechanisms, as well as background documentation, as a basis for the negotiations, together with the Ministerial Declaration of the Second World Climate Conference and other relevant documents;

"14. Requests the Chairman of the negotiating process, taking into account the relevance of the negotiations to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to keep the Preparatory Committee for the Conference and the Secretary-General of the Conference, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations, regularly informed of the progress of the negotiations;

"15. Requests the negotiating process to take into account, as appropriate, any relevant developments in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development which the Preparatory Committee may bring to its attention;

"16. Requests the ad hoc secretariat of the negotiating process to submit a report to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 on the outcome of the negotiations, as well as on possible future steps in the field of climate change;

"17. Requests relevant non-governmental organizations to contribute to the work of the negotiating process, as appropriate;

"18. Decides that the negotiating process should be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, through contributions from the World Meteorological Organization and the Environment Fund and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund established specifically for that purpose for the duration of the negotiations and administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

"19. Invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to contribute generously to the trust fund;

"20. Requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to prepare draft rules of procedure for consideration by the negotiating process at its first session;

"21. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the progress of the negotiations;

"22. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session, the item entitled 'Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind.'"

6. At its 54th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.66, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/45/L.88 and Add.1).

7. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.93), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.66 and orally revised as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, the words "of the United Nations system" were deleted after the words "specialized agencies";

(b) In operative paragraph 4, the words "and November/December" were inserted after the word "September";

(c) In operative paragraph 15, the word "including" was inserted before the words "its paper on";

(d) In operative paragraph 16, the word "regularly" was inserted before the words "informed in a timely manner".

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Norway, Egypt, Kenya, Australia, Austria, the Philippines, Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and Malta (see A/C.2/456/SR.54).

9. At its 54th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.93, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 13 below).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Tunisia made a statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.54).

11. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.93, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.66 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

12. Also at its 54th meeting, upon the proposal of the Chairman, Mr. George Papadatos (Greece), the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 44/207 of 22 December 1989 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind 1/ (see para. 14 below).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

13. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988 and 44/207 of 22 December 1989, in which it recognized that climate change is a common concern of mankind, and urging Governments, and as appropriate, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and scientific institutions, to collaborate in a concerted effort with the aim of preparing, as a matter of urgency, a framework convention on climate, and other related instruments, containing appropriate commitments for actions to combat climate change and its adverse effects, taking into account the most up-to-date sound scientific knowledge and any existing uncertainties, as well as the particular needs and development priorities of developing countries,

Recalling also its resolution 44/206 of 22 December 1989 on the possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas,

Recalling further its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

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1/ A/45/696 and Add.1.

Noting the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization,

Noting also the recommendations and decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, adopted at its organizational session and at its first session, 2/

Noting further the important work accomplished by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which has completed its first assessment report,

Noting the relevant conclusions and recommendations on climate change adopted at various intergovernmental meetings during 1990,

Noting the fact that the largest part of the current emission of pollutants into the environment originates in developed countries, and recognizing therefore that those countries have the main responsibility for combating such pollution,

Welcoming the fact that several countries and a regional economic integration organization have already taken measures or made specific commitments to address the problem of climate change and its effects through the stabilization and/or reduction of environmentally harmful emissions of greenhouse gases and that other countries are contemplating doing so,

Noting that, pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 44/207, resolution 4 (EC-XLII) of 22 June 1990 of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization and decision SS.II/3 of 3 August 1990, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its second special session, an Ad Hoc Working Group of Government Representatives to prepare for negotiations on a framework convention on climate change met at Geneva from 24 to 26 September 1990 and adopted a number of recommendations, 3/

Recognizing the continuing need for scientific research into the sources and effects of climate change and its possible adverse impact, including the socio-economic consequences, and the effectiveness of possible response strategies, and recognizing also the importance of the active participation of developing countries and the need to assist and co-operate with them in climate-related research and action,

1. Decides to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation by an

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2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/44/48) and ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/45/46).

3/ A/45/696, annex I.

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as might be agreed upon, taking into account proposals that may be submitted by States participating in the negotiating process, the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the results achieved at international meetings on the subject, including the Second World Climate Conference;

2. Decides that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

3. Welcomes the organization of a broad-based preparatory process at the national level involving, as appropriate, the scientific community, industry, trade unions, non-governmental organizations and other interested groups;

4. Decides that the first negotiating session should be held at Washington, D.C. in February 1991 and that, subject to review of the timetable at the end of each negotiating session and taking into account the schedule of other intergovernmental meetings on environment and development matters, in particular the sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, further meetings should be held at Geneva and at Nairobi, in May/June 1991, September and November/December 1991 and, as appropriate, between January and June 1992;

5. Authorizes the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, pending the establishment of an ad hoc secretariat for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to convene, exceptionally, the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to be held at Washington, D.C., in February 1991; the subsequent sessions of the Committee shall be convened by the ad hoc secretariat;

6. Further decides that the maximum duration of each of the negotiating sessions should be two weeks;

7. Considers that the negotiations for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related legal instruments as might be agreed upon, should be completed prior to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992 and opened for signature during the Conference;

8. Reaffirms the principles embodied in its resolutions 44/207 and 44/228, which take into account the concerns of all States and the specific needs of developing countries;

9. Takes account of the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Second World Climate Conference, held at Geneva, from 29 October to 7 November 1990; 4/

10. Decides to establish a special voluntary fund, administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to ensure that developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, as well as small island developing countries, are able to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process, and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to contribute generously to the fund;

11. Recommends that, at the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to be held in Washington, D.C., a Bureau consisting of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur shall be elected, each of the five regional groups being represented by one member;

12. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, as well as with the executive heads of other United Nations bodies with expertise in the field of development, to establish as soon as possible at Geneva an ad hoc secretariat of appropriate size and quality, consisting mainly of Professional staff of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, taking into account the need to ensure that the work programmes of these two organizations are not negatively affected, co-ordinated by those two organizations in consultation and co-operation with the head of the ad hoc secretariat and supplemented by staff from other bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, in order to ensure that the ad hoc secretariat embodies the requisite technical expertise;

13. Decides that the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint as head of the ad hoc secretariat a senior official of an appropriate level, who shall act under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee;

14. Requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to ensure that the panel can respond to the needs and requests for objective scientific and technical advice made during the negotiating process;

15. Also requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to make available, at the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, including the first assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, its paper on legal measures as well as the background documentation prepared for the Panel as inputs for the negotiations, together with the Ministerial Declaration of the Second World Climate Conference 4/ and other relevant documents;

4/ A/45/696/Add.1, annex III.

16. Requests the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, through the ad hoc secretariat and taking into account the relevance of the negotiations to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to keep the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations, regularly informed in a timely manner through regular progress reports, of the progress of the negotiations;

17. Requests the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to take into account, as appropriate, any relevant developments in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development that the Preparatory Committee may bring to its attention;

18. Requests the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, on behalf of the Committee, to submit a report to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 on the outcome of the negotiations, as well as on possible future steps in the field of climate change;

19. Invites relevant non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate, on the understanding that these organizations shall not have any negotiating role during the process, and taking into account decision 1/1 concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first session; 5/

20. Decides that the negotiating process should be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund established specifically for that purpose for the duration of the negotiations and administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

21. Invites the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including those in the field of development, to make appropriate contributions to the negotiating process, including its funding;

22. Invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to contribute generously to the trust fund;

23. Requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to prepare draft rules of procedure for consideration by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its first session;

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/45/46), annex I.

24. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the progress of the negotiations;

25. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session, the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".

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14. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 44/207 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 44/207 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind. 6/

6/ A/45/696 and Add.1.

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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ryszard RYSINSKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries" and to allocate it to the Second Committee (see A/C.2/45/1).

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 31st, 32nd, 43rd and 49th meetings, on 5, 6, 14 and 28 November 1990. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/45/SR.31, 32, 43 and 49). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 8 to 11 October (A/C.2/45/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/45/303 Letter dated 5 June 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the joint communiqué adopted by the First Meeting of the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultations and Co-operation, Group of 15, held at Kuala Lumpur from 1 to 3 June 1990

A/45/398 Report of the Secretary-General

A/45/584 Letter dated 4 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77

A/45/675 Letter dated 26 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents issued by the Presidents of the Rio Group on the occasion of the Presidential Meeting of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and concerted Political Action, held at Caracas on 11 and 12 October 1990

4. At the 31st meeting, on 5 November, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.31).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.41

5. At the 43rd meeting, on 14 November, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.41) entitled "International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in the developing countries".

6. At the 49th meeting, on 28 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.41 without a vote (see para. 10).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Colombia made a statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.49).

B. Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

9. At the 49th meeting, on 28 November, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (see para. 11).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in the developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/195 of 20 December 1988 and 44/212 of 22 December 1989, Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/47 of 27 May 1988, and noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/10 of 2 March 1989 concerning extreme poverty, 1/

Noting the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted on 1 May 1990 at its eighteenth special session, 2/ and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 3/ as well as the Declaration adopted at the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Recognizing that a broad consensus is emerging on strategies to be pursued towards the achievement of the goal of the eradication of poverty,

Recognizing also the severity of poverty problems in developing countries,

Agrees that the eradication of poverty in the developing countries is an objective of the highest priority and consequently urges the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to formulate and implement forthwith, within their programmes and activities at all levels, necessary measures and actions to eradicate this distressing problem.

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11. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries. 4/

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

2/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

3/ Resolution 45/-.

4/ A/45/398.

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EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ryszard RYSINSKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "External debt crisis and development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 20th, 25th-28th, 30th, 31st, 44th and 54th meetings, on 23, 30, 31 October, 5 and 19 November and 11 December 1990. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/45/SR.20, 25-28, 30, 31, 44 and 54).

3. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 8 to 11 October 1990 (see A/C.2/45/SR.2-9).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/45/334- E/1990/100	Letter dated 2 July 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of resolution I and its annex, entitled "Latin American and Caribbean Proposal for a Solution to its External Debt Problem", adopted at the Regional Conference on External Debt, held at Caracas from 18 to 22 June 1990

A/45/380	Note of the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by his Personal Representative on Debt
A/45/531	Letter dated 20 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report on debt and development in the 1990s of the Round Table on Debt and Development, held at Sveti Stefan, Yugoslavia, on 28 and 29 June 1990
A/45/584	Letter dated 4 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77, adopted on 3 October 1990 at their fourteenth annual meeting
A/45/656	Report by the Secretary-General on the recent evolution of the international debt strategy
A/45/675	Letter dated 26 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents issued by the Presidents of the Rio Group at the Presidential Meeting of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and concerted Political Action, held at Caracas on 11 and 12 October 1990
A/45/803	Letter dated 14 November 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a communiqué issued by the Meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers, held at Port-of-Spain on 19 and 20 September 1990

5. At the 20th meeting, on 23 October, an introductory statement was made by the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General on Debt (see A/C.2/45/SR.20).

6. At the 26th meeting, on 30 October, the Secretary-General made a statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.26).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision contained in document A/C.2/45/L.5

7. By its decision 44/445 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, decided to defer until its forty-fifth session consideration of the draft decision entitled "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development" (see A/C.2/45/L.5).

8. At its 54th meeting, on 11 December, following a statement by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should defer consideration of the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/45/L.5 until its forty-sixth session (see para. 17).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.44 and L.97

9. At the 44th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International debt crisis and development: enhanced international co-operation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries" (A/C.2/45/L.44), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 41/202 of 8 December 1986, 42/198 of 11 December 1987, 43/198 of 20 December 1988 and 44/205 of 22 December 1989,

"Recalling also the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted on 1 May 1990 by the General Assembly at its eighteenth special session, 1/

"Recalling further Trade and Development Board resolutions 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978, 2/ 222 (XXI) of 27 September 1980, 3/ 358 (XXXV) of 5 October 1988, 4/ 375 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989 5/ and 388 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990, 6/

"1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

"2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15), vol. I, part two, annex I.

"3/ Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15), vol. II, annex I.

"4/ Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/43/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

"5/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/44/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

"6/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15).

"Deeply concerned that the problem of external indebtedness of developing countries continues to persist, obstructing their growth and development and eroding their political and social stability,

"Reaffirming that one of the principal aims of any debt solution strategy should be that developing countries achieve sufficient growth levels to satisfy their social, economic and development needs,

"Recognizing that a durable solution of the debt problem is not achievable without a significant reduction in the stock and service of debt and, in that context, welcoming the increasing acceptance by creditor countries of the need to write off and/or reduce the debt stock and debt service of developing countries,

"Stressing the need to broaden the scope, increase the financial resources and speed up the implementation of the various initiatives and measures aimed at debt reduction,

"Recognizing that measures for debt reduction need to be accompanied by vigorous efforts to create a favourable international economic environment to facilitate the reactivation of growth and development in developing countries,

"Concerned at the decline in the flow of financial resources to the developing countries for development and at the huge net transfer of financial resources from those countries, depriving them of the much needed resources for their growth and development,

"Convinced that a lasting solution to the debt problem of developing countries requires a co-ordinated and systematic approach, involving the full participation and co-operation of Governments of creditor and debtor countries, multilateral financial institutions and private banks,

"Stressing the need for the urgent and full implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, particularly those pertaining to the problem of external debt, as well as of the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 7/

"Recognizing the need for the intensification of efforts by the international community to resolve the severe debt crisis and to forestall its proliferation and prevent its further aggravation,

"1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts to promote co-operation among debtor and creditor countries and multilateral

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"7/ Resolution 45/___.

financial institutions with a view to finding a solution to the external debt problem of developing countries and, in that regard, stresses the need for the continuation and intensification of his efforts;

"2. Takes note with interest of the reports of the Secretary-General 8/ and of his Personal Representative on Debt, 9/ as well as the introductory statements made before the Second Committee by the Secretary-General on 30 October 1990 10/ and by his Personal Representative on 23 October 1990; 11/

"3. Acknowledges the various proposals made by developing countries to find a lasting solution to the external debt problem, and draws the attention of the international community to those proposals;

"4. Recognizes that the persistence of the debt problem constitutes a major obstacle to the economic growth and development of developing countries and poses a threat to their economic, social and political stability;

"5. Recognizes also that the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries is not possible without an immediate solution to the problem of external indebtedness;

"6. Stresses therefore the need, during the initial years of the present decade, to search, through dialogue and shared responsibility, for a durable, equitable and mutually agreed growth and development oriented solution to the debt problem of developing countries, including those whose debt is mainly to official creditors or to multilateral institutions;

"7. Recognizes that economic growth and development of developing countries is essential for generating the necessary resources to enable them to service their debt;

"8. Recognizes also that there is a close interrelationship between the external debt problem of developing countries and the global economic environment, which needs to be markedly improved through the adoption of an appropriate mix of fiscal and monetary policies by the industrialized countries and the enhanced access to markets of the products of the developing countries, as defined in paragraph 12 of resolution 44/205;

"8/ A/45/656.

"9/ A/45/380, annex.

"10/ See A/C.2/45/SR.26.

"11/ See A/C.2/45/SR.20.

"9. Welcomes the increasing acceptance by creditor countries of the need to write off and/or reduce the stock and debt-servicing of developing countries and acknowledges the contributions that the recent initiatives can make through urgent and mutually agreed action, which should provide for the maximum possible reduction of debt stock and service;

"10. Stresses the urgent need for the expeditious implementation of the various proposals and initiatives, as well as the need to strengthen those initiatives and broaden the scope of their application so as to include all categories of debt and all categories of debtor developing countries;

"11. Stresses further the need to intensify efforts to find an effective solution to the problem of external indebtedness of the least developed countries;

"12. Recognizes the need for forgiveness of official debt of the low-income countries, particularly of those in Africa, owed to the developed countries, and urges that appropriate action be taken in that regard;

"13. Emphasizes that measures for the reduction of debt stock and service should constitute additional relief and should not be at the expense of existing official development assistance;

"14. Urges the Governments of developed countries, as well as multilateral financial institutions, to take urgent measures to support effectively the debtor developing countries most seriously affected by the latest crisis; the multilateral institutions should, in particular, immediately provide expanded resources to meet the needs of those countries in the present situation and play a catalytic role in mobilizing additional assistance;

"15. Invites the multilateral financial institutions to continue to review conditionality criteria, and stresses the need for increased co-operation between the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other multilateral financial institutions, which should not lead to cross-conditionality;

"16. Stresses that multilateral financial institutions should provide enhanced support for debt and debt-service reduction packages, with the necessary flexibility, under their established guidelines, and urges that serious attempts should also be made to find a solution to the debt-servicing problem of those developing countries whose debt is owed mainly to these institutions;

"17. Emphasizes the need to provide increased and substantial concessional resources to the developing countries, with a view to promoting the revival of economic growth and sustained development, and, in that regard, emphasizes the early attainment by the developed countries of the agreed international targets of devoting 0.7 per cent of gross national product to official development assistance, as well as the new target for an increase of official development assistance, including 0.20 per cent of gross national product for the least developed countries;

"18. Recognizes that a durable solution to the debt problem involves, inter alia, a substantial improvement in the access of the products of developing countries to the markets of developed countries and in their terms of trade, and affirms, in this context, the necessity of a timely, balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations that would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries;

"19. Notes with interest the recommendations of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General on Debt, and invites the Secretary-General to expeditiously follow up those recommendations, in consultation with Governments of a wide range of countries, at a high level, relevant international organizations and multilateral financial institutions, with special emphasis on the recommendations pertaining to debt forgiveness and reduction, the establishment of a co-ordinating committee within the multilateral financial institutions working closely with the regional development banks and the expansion of the role of the regional development banks, and the setting up of such banks as required, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the outcome of his efforts;

"20. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

10. At its 54th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "International debt crisis and development: enhanced international co-operation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of developing countries" (A/C.2/45/L.97), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.44.

11. In introducing the draft resolution, the Vice-Chairman proposed the following revisions:

(a) At the end of the eighth preambular paragraph, add "and the Latin American Economic System (SELA)";

(b) In operative paragraph 21, after "and in this context" the text would read "encourages Governments to give them appropriate consideration, as a new impulse to a better understanding of the different aspects of the debt problem".

12. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of France made a statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.54).

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.97 without a vote (see para. 16).

14. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Japan made a statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.54).

15. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.97, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.44 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION

International debt crisis and development: enhanced international co-operation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/202 of 8 December 1986, 42/198 of 11 December 1987, 43/198 of 20 December 1988 and 44/205 of 22 December 1989,

Recalling also the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ and noting the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade 2/ and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling further Trade and Development Board resolutions 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978, 3/ 222 (XXI) of 27 September 1980, 4/ 358 (XXXV) of 5 October 1988, 5/ 375 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989 6/ and 388 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990, 7/

1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/__.

3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Third-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15), vol. I, part two, annex I.

4/ Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15), vol. II, annex I.

5/ Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/43/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

6/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/44/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

7/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15).

Recognizing that for many indebted developing countries an early and durable solution of the external debt problems is not achievable without, inter alia, a significant reduction in the stock and service of debt and, in that context, welcoming the willingness of several creditor countries to reduce and/or write off debt stock or service on the bilateral official debt of many developing countries,

Emphasizing that it is essential for debtor developing countries to continue to pursue and intensify their efforts to raise savings and investment, reduce inflation and improve efficiency, taking into account their own individual characteristics and the vulnerability of the poorer strata of their populations,

Stressing that measures for debt reduction also need to be accompanied by vigorous efforts to improve the international economic environment in order to facilitate the reactivation of the growth and development of developing countries,

Noting with appreciation the recent developments in the evolving debt strategy,

Noting also the proposals made by developing countries and regional organizations, including the Organization of African Unity and the Latin American Economic System,

Stressing the urgent need for rapid and broad implementation of recent initiatives and measures to reduce the stock and service of external debt and to provide debt relief,

Concerned at the decline in the flow of financial resources to developing countries for development and at the large net transfer of resources from many of those countries, which deprives them of the much-needed resources for their growth and development,

Convinced that a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries continues to require the full participation and full co-operation of Governments of creditor and debtor countries, multilateral financial institutions and private banks,

Stressing the need for urgent and full implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, particularly those pertaining to the problem of external debt, as well as of the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade and of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Recognizing the need for the continuation of efforts by all the parties concerned to resolve the severe debt crisis and to forestall its proliferation and prevent its further aggravation,

Recognizing also the role of the multilateral financial institutions in dealing with debt problems of developing countries and the need to safeguard the high standing of those institutions in financial markets,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts to promote understanding among debtor and creditor countries and multilateral financial institutions with a view to contributing to a solution to the external debt problems of developing countries and, in that regard, stresses the need for the continuation of his efforts;

2. Takes note with interest of the reports of the Secretary-General 8/ and of his Personal Representative on Debt, 9/ as well as the introductory statements made before the Second Committee by the Secretary-General on 30 October 1990 10/ and by his Personal Representative on 23 October 1990; 11/

3. Acknowledges the recent initiatives and measures taken in the context of the evolving debt strategy with a view to contributing to the solution of the debt problems;

4. Also acknowledges the various proposals made by developing and developed countries with a view to finding a durable solution to the external debt problems, and draws the attention of the international community to those proposals;

5. Welcomes the willingness of several creditor countries to reduce and/or write off the stock and debt servicing of many developing countries;

6. Stresses the urgent need for the broadest and most expeditious implementation of the recent initiatives and for building upon them;

7. Recognizes that for a large number of developing countries external indebtedness impedes their economic growth and development, which is a threat to their economic social and political stability;

8. Stresses, therefore, the need to continue to strive to achieve, through dialogue and shared responsibility, during the initial years of the present decade, a durable, equitable and mutually agreed growth and development-oriented solution to the debt problems of developing countries, taking into account their particular circumstances, including those of the countries whose debt is mainly to official creditors or to multilateral institutions;

9. Recognizes that the economic growth and development of developing countries is essential for generating the resources necessary to enable them to service their debt;

8/ A/45/656.

9/ A/45/380, annex.

10/ See A/C.2/45/SR.26.

11/ See A/C.2/45/SR.20.

10. Also recognizes that there is a close interrelationship between the external debt problems of developing countries and the global economic environment, which needs to be markedly improved through the adoption of an appropriate mix of fiscal, monetary and trade policies by all countries in accordance with their respective capacities and impact on the world economy;

11. Further recognizes that debtor countries should continue their efforts to attain efficiency and return to a path of sustained growth by adopting appropriate national economic policies;

12. Takes note of the ongoing efforts to address the debt problems of the least developed countries, and stresses the need to intensify ongoing efforts to find an effective solution to the problem of external indebtedness of those countries;

13. Welcomes the steps taken to forgive or reduce the official development assistance debt of the low-income countries, and urges that further appropriate action be taken in that regard, particularly for the countries in Africa;

14. Emphasizes that measures for the reduction of official debt stock and service should be implemented, taking into account the need for debtor countries to benefit from increased new financial flows, particularly official development assistance;

15. Invites the multilateral financial institutions to continue to provide support for debt and debt-service reduction packages, with the necessary flexibility under their established guidelines, and urges that serious attention be given to continuing t work towards a growth-oriented solution of the problems of developing countries with serious debt-servicing problems, including those whose debt is mainly to official creditors or to multilateral financial institutions;

16. Recognizes that increased co-operation between the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other multilateral financial institutions is welcomed but should not lead to cross-conditionality;

17. Emphasizes the need to provide substantial concessional resources to the developing countries, with a view to promoting the revival of economic growth and sustained development, and in that regard emphasizes that developed countries should implement their undertakings to attain the agreed international target of devoting 0.7 per cent of gross national product to official development assistance, as well as the agreed targets established at the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

18. Recognizes that a durable solution to the debt problems involves, inter alia, a substantial improvement in the access of the products of developing countries to the markets of developed countries and in their terms of trade, as well as diversification of their exports, and reaffirms, in this context, the urgent need for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations that would result in the liberalization and

expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries;

19. Urges the multilateral financial institutions and the donor countries to take appropriate steps to assist effectively those developing countries adversely affected by the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; in particular, the multilateral financial institutions are invited to respond promptly, flexibly and with expanded resources to the needs arising from the present situation and to play a catalytic role in mobilizing additional assistance;

20. Recognizes that the external indebtedness of some other countries with serious debt-servicing problems also gives rise to considerable concern, and invites all those involved to take into account, as appropriate, the provisions of the present resolution in addressing those problems and in working towards an early growth-oriented solution to the external debt problems;

21. Takes note with appreciation of the very useful efforts made by the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General on Debt in producing a wide-ranging analysis and in producing recommendations, and in this context, encourages Governments to give them appropriate consideration, as a new impulse to better understanding of the different aspects of the debt problem;

22. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

17. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development

The General Assembly decides to defer until its forty-sixth session consideration of the draft decision entitled "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development". 12/

12/ See A/C.2/45/L.5.

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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;

"(b) United Nations Development Programme;

"(c) United Nations Population Fund;

"(d) United Nations Children's Fund;

"(e) World Food Programme"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 36th, 38th, 42nd and 49th to 55th meetings, on 6 to 8, 12, 14, 28 and 30 November and on 5, 7, 10, 11 and 14 December 1990. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/45/SR.33-36, 38, 42, 49-55). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 8 to 11 October (A/C.2/45/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/45/3 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. A 1/
A/45/76 E/1990/12	Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of rural development activities of the United Nations system in three African least developed countries"
A/45/76/Add.1 E/1990/12/Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the comments of the the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of rural development activities of the United Nations system in three African least developed countries"
A/45/77 E/1990/10	Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: Programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration"
A/45/77/Add.1 E/1990/10/Add.1	Comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: Programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration"
A/45/584	Letter dated 4 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, adopted on 3 October 1990 on the occasion of their fourteenth annual meeting
A/45/598 S/21854	Letter dated 3 October 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Joint American-Soviet Statement: Responsibility for Peace and Security in the Changing World
A/44/646	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical co-operation projects"

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/45/3/Rev.1).

A/45/648 Comments on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical co-operation projects"

A/45/675 Letter dated 26 October 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents issued by the Presidents of the Rio Group on the occasion of the Presidential Meeting of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and concerted Political Action, held at Caracas on 11 and 12 October 1990

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

A/45/273-E/1990/85 and Corr.1 and Add.1-5 Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities for development

A/45/281-E/1990/66 and Corr.1 Report of the Secretary-General on future administrative arrangements for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

(b) United Nations Development Programme

E/1990/29 Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1990, its special session and its thirty-seventh session 2/

A/45/347 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

84 (c) United Nations Population Fund

E/1990/29 Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme 2/

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).

A/45/529	Note by the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance (DP/1990/44)

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

A/45/3 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. A 1/
E/1990/28	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund 3/

(e) World Food Programme

A/45/3 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. A 1/
E/1990/99	Fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 6 November, introductory statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Deputy Executive Director, Programmes, of the United Nations Children's Fund (see A/C.2/45/SR.33).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.32 and L.53

5. At the 42nd meeting, on 14 November, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.32) entitled "Future administrative arrangements for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities", which read as follows:

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8, (E/1990/28-E/ICEF/1990/3).

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on future administrative arrangements for the Conference, 1/

"Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/80 of 27 July 1990,

"1. Decides that the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should remain the principal forum for Member States and others to pledge their contributions to United Nations operational activities for development, that it should continue to be convened early in November and that its basic format should remain unchanged;

"2. Decides further:

"(a) That the Conference should be limited to one day and should continue to be opened by the Secretary-General;

"(b) That greater use should be made of written pledges, delegations being given an opportunity to make pledges in writing before the Conference takes place, those pledges to be announced at the Conference in the President's opening statement;

"(c) That, as a general rule, statements by participants in the Conference should be limited to five minutes each;

"(d) That a speakers' list should be established for Member States and others wishing to pledge, the only other statements to be an opening and closing statement by the President of the Conference, should he or she wish, and short closing statements by executive heads of the United Nations programmes and funds or their representatives;

"(e) That the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the Conference should be replaced by the adoption of the report of the Conference."

"1/ A/45/281-E/1990/66 and Corr.1.

6. At the 49th meeting, on 28 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.53), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.32.

7. Following statements by the representative of Tunisia and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the title of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.53 was orally revised by deleting the words "Future administrative arrangements for the" before the words "United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.53, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution I).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.32 was withdrawn by the sponsor.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.61 and L.85

10. At the 50th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Netherlands introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.61) entitled "United Nations Population Fund", on behalf of Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Sweden, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zimbabwe. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 44/210 of 22 December 1989, in which it requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to examine in particular the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration on A Better Life for Future Generations 1/ and to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council,

"Mindful of the diversity in cultures and traditions and in social, economic and political conditions among countries,

"Noting decision 90/35 of 23 June 1990 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund,

"Also noting resolution 1990/82 of 27 July 1990 of the Economic and Social Council,

"1. Emphasizes the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with the human rights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families;

"1/ A/C.2/44/6, annex.

"2. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance, 2/ which outlines the unmet and expanding resource needs for population activities;

"3. Encourages the Fund to sustain the momentum generated by the International Forum on Population in the Twenty-first Century, held at Amsterdam from 6 to 9 November 1989, through continued follow-up on the recommendations of the Amsterdam Declaration;

"4. Urges all Governments, concerned international and regional organizations, including the World Bank, and non-governmental organizations to make every effort to increase significantly their allocations for population activities in order to reach the target of $9 billion per year by the year 2000, taking into account the potential for user contributions, where feasible and advisable;

"5. Emphasizes the crucial importance of resource investments in health and education, especially for women, for the success of population programmes, and urges all Governments of developing countries to increase their political and financial commitments to investments in the social sector and all Governments of developed countries and concerned international, regional and non-governmental organizations to strengthen their financial and technical support to the areas of health and education;

"6. Stresses the desirability of further concentrating Fund resources on those countries most in need of assistance in the field of population, and notably the poorest developing countries, including the least developed countries;

"7. Encourages the Fund, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/211, to strengthen and utilize national capacities through national execution; to enhance accountability; to adopt a programme-oriented approach and decentralize capacity and authority to the field level; and to support co-ordination of the United Nations system at the country level through the resident co-ordinators; and, in this context, encourages the Fund to increase the utilization of available national expertise in the formulation and implementation of population assistance activities;

"8. Further encourages the Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, to strengthen their co-operation in the field of maternal and child health care and family planning, each within its own mandate;

"2/ DP/1990/44.

"9. Agrees with the Fund's 1990 State of World Population report that population growth and distribution are closely linked with environmental and development issues, and emphasizes the need to give population due importance in the preparations for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

"10. Reaffirms the importance attached to the role of population policies and programmes in improving individual welfare and enhancing social and economic development as emphasized, inter alia, in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the revitalization of Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 3/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; 4/

"11. Welcomes the willingness of the 19 members of the Development Assistance Committee, as expressed in the December 1989 policy statement by Committee aid ministers and heads of aid agencies for their aid policies for the 1990s and reiterated at Committee meetings on population and development matters held in April and June of 1990, to help developing countries to establish, fund and implement effective population strategies and programmes as a matter of priority;

"12. Stresses the primary role of Governments in the co-ordination of population activities at the national level and the role of the United Nations Population Fund, upon request, in supporting the development of national capacities in that respect and further stresses the need for co-ordination at the regional and interregional levels to focus on issues related to the attainment of specific population goals and objectives;

"13. Recommends that the Fund continue to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues in the context of overall development plans and programmes and on the need to find adequate resources to address these issues and, in that context, urges the Fund to continue to undertake activities aimed at building up better awareness of population issues and their relation to environment and development issues, including World Population Day;

"14. Invites the Executive Director of the Fund to give more attention, in the specific section on policy and programme co-ordination of her annual report, to the co-operation of the Fund with other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies."

"3/ A/RES/S-18/3, annex.

"4/ Resolution 45/___.

11. At the 54th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.85) entitled "Population and development", which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.61; he orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.85 by making operative paragraph 6 operative paragraph 5 (c) and renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

12. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.85, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution II).

13. In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.85, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.61 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Colombia made a statement (see A/C.2/45/SR.54).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.62 and L.74

15. At the 50th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.62) entitled "World Summit for Children", on behalf of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Burundi, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Madagascar, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Portugal, Rwanda, Samoa, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Viet Nam. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Welcoming the adoption by the World Summit for Children on 30 September 1990 on the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for its implementation, 1/

"1. Urges all States and other members of the international community to work for the achievement of the goals and objectives endorsed in the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and Plan of Action as an integral part of their national plans and international co-operation;

"1/ A/45/625, annex.

"2. Urges especially the donor countries to assist developing countries in achieving the goals set out in the Declaration and Plan of Action by increasing their contributions to development co-operation targeted for the special needs of children;

"3. Also urges all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take into account the goals, strategies and recommendations of the Declaration and Plan of Action in carrying out their programmes, and invites the relevant governing bodies to consider specific measures, within their competence, to address the special needs of children in the light of the Declaration and Plan of Action;

"4. Calls upon the United Nations system to ensure appropriate dissemination of the Declaration and Plan of Action;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to ensure the implementation and monitoring by the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system of the provisions of the present resolution;

"6. Takes note of the provisions in the Plan of Action for appropriate mechanisms in the United Nations system to monitor its implementation, and invites, in this connection, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to consider requesting the Fund, consistent with its mandate for children, to prepare as an integral part of its regular monitoring, reporting and evaluation functions, in co-operation with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and in close collaboration with other relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, a consolidated analysis of the plans and actions undertaken by individual countries and the international community, as called for in the Declaration and Plan of Action;

"7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled 'Implementation of the Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and its Plan of Action, in particular the response of the United Nations system';

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution."

16. At the 52nd meeting, on 7 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.74), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.62.

17. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.74 without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution III).

18. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.74, draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.62 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.63

19. At the 50th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.63) entitled "Governance of the World Food Programme", on behalf of Autralia, Bangladesh, Benin, Canada, the Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zaire.

20. At the 51st meeting on 5 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and orally revised operative paragraph 2 thereof by inserting the words "contained in document E/1990/101 of 9 July 1990" after the words "Welcomes the decision".

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.63, as orally revised (see para. 27, draft resolution IV).

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.75

22. At the 53rd meeting, on 10 December, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.75) entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 41/171 of 5 December 1986, 42/196 of 11 December 1987, 43/199 of 20 December 1988 and 44/211 of 22 December 1989,

"Emphasizing the need for a co-ordinated and prompt implementation of its resolution 44/211 by all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on the basis of a three-year schedule, taking into account the linkages and interrelationship among issues, especially in the areas of the national execution modality, programming, decentralization, and simplification, harmonization and adaptation of rules and procedures,

"Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

"Conscious of the objectives and priorities identified in the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 1/

"1/ Resolution 45/__.

"Welcoming the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, adopted by the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 30 September 1990, 2/

"Recognizing the importance of the Programme of Action for the least developed countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held at Paris in September 1990, and stressing the need for the United Nations development system to implement urgently the relevant measures contained therein,

"Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of the Governments of recipient countries to formulate their multisector and subsector strategies, which should also be used as a frame of reference for the programming of resources received from the United Nations system, and, in this context, stressing the need to remove structural obstacles in the processes and procedures of the United Nations system to enable the recipient Governments to exercise full responsibility in determining their priorities,

"Reaffirming also that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universality, their voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and multilateralism, and their ability to respond to the needs of the developing countries in a flexible manner, and that the operational activities of the United Nations system are carried out for the benefit of the developing countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development,

"Aware of the acute problems of island and land-locked developing countries and their particular needs for development to overcome their economic difficulties,

"Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 3/ and recognizing the need for successor arrangements beyond 1990,

"Recalling also its resolution 42/231 of 12 May 1988 on the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America,

"Recognizing that the 1980s have been marked by the longest period of sustained economic growth in the developed countries and the continued deterioration of socio-economic conditions in the developing countries,

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"2/ A/45/625, annex.

"3/ Resolution S-13/2, annex.

"Concerned that multilateral resources for official development assistance, in particular those resources channelled through the United Nations system, are growing at a slower pace than the overall official development assistance, and that the official development assistance as a percentage of the gross national product of developed countries has been falling,

"Stressing the consequent need for a substantial increase in resources for operational activities for development on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, commensurate with the increasing needs of all developing countries, and emphasizing the special needs of the least developed countries,

"Recalling the role of the United Nations Development Programme as the central funding mechanism for technical co-operation in the United Nations system, the full potential of which has not yet been realized,

"Stressing that resources channelled through trust funds should be additional to programme resources,

"Emphasizing the need to increase and strengthen the promotion and implementation of technical co-operation among developing countries on a priority basis, through the rapid and full implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 4/ in order to enhance the capacities and collective self-reliance of developing countries,

"Taking note of the decisions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-seventh session, on the fifth programming cycle, 5/ on elements of a funding strategy for the United Nations Development Programme, 6/ on agency support costs 7/ and on national execution, 8/

"Reaffirming that national execution and the full utilization of national capacities would contribute to ensuring that programmes and projects are managed in an integrated manner and to promoting their long-term sustainability and wider impact on the development process,

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"4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

"5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29), annex I, decision 90/34.

"6/ Ibid., decision 90/14.

"7/ Ibid., decision 90/26.

"8/ Ibid., decision 90/21.

"Recalling the themes and objectives of the operational activities of the United Nations system, including those identified in paragraphs 3 to 8 of its resolution 44/211 and in decisions 90/14 concerning elements of a funding strategy and 90/34 on the fifth programming cycle, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, and stressing that the themes and objectives identified therein should in no way limit the prerogative of each recipient country to use United Nations assistance in the areas it chooses in accordance with its national priorities and objectives and local, cultural and socio-economic realities,

"Taking into account the difficulties that many developing countries have been facing in recent years in meeting their counterpart financial obligations under technical assistance programmes and projects of the United Nations system,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Director General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including the response of the United Nations development system, and a synthesized summary of views of some Governments on the implementation of its resolution 44/211; 9/

"2. Calls upon the international community, in particular donor countries, for a real and significant increase in resources for operational activities for development on a continuous, predictable and assured basis, and urges all countries to increase their voluntary contributions for operational activities for development;

"3. Reaffirms the need for priority allocation of grant resources to programmes and projects in low-income countries, particularly the least developed countries;

"4. Affirms that there should be a significant increase, in real terms, in the grant resources allocated to each developing country for operational activities, unless a significant increase, in real terms, in the per capita income of a country should justify otherwise;

"5. Urges continued action by the governing bodies of the United Nations development agencies in 1991 to enhance national execution of United Nations-assisted programmes and projects;

"6. Requests the Director General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session proposals for developing clear system-wide guidelines for national execution on concrete measures designed to expedite the process of national execution in all United Nations-assisted programmes and projects, with a view to strengthening national capacities, taking into account the following elements:

"9/ A/45/273-E/1990/85 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3 and Corr.1 and Add.4-5.

"(a) The crucial importance of simplifying the rules and procedures for national execution and their adaptation to the procedures of the recipient Government so as to reduce the administrative burden on Governments and on the field offices of the United Nations Development Programme, and to avoid unnecessary delays in the appraisal, approval, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects;

"(b) The need to ensure that the shift towards national execution reorients the human and technical capacities of the specialized agencies and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system away from the administrative burdens of the recruitment of experts, the procurement of equipment and the award of fellowships and towards a focus on the provision of relevant technical advice and monitoring, as well as on global research, analysis and policy functions;

"(c) The need for United Nations agencies to localize, at the country level, information on data bases and rosters on sources of equipment, experts and training/educational institutions, including the data base for technical co-operation among developing countries (INRES), so as to facilitate the assumption by Governments of the responsibility for executing programmes and projects;

"(d) The need to take concrete action to strengthen national units in charge of technical assistance and training institutions to enable Governments, inter alia, to design, manage, monitor and evaluate programmes and projects;

"(e) The need for United Nations Development Programme field offices to be country specific and flexible in order to provide transitional assistance to Governments that wish to undertake national execution but that have not yet built up the required national management capacities;

"(f) The importance of giving sufficient financial incentives, including incentives for technical support, through, inter alia, the agency support cost arrangements, to assist developing countries to move towards national execution;

"7. Reiterates that the recipient Governments have the sole responsibility for the co-ordination and programming of external assistance and the principal responsibility for its design and management and that the exercise of those responsibilities is crucial to the optimal use of external assistance and to the strengthening and utilization of national capacity;

"8. Emphasizes that, to enable Governments to design, co-ordinate and effectively programme United Nations assistance on the basis of their multisectoral, sectoral and subsectoral strategies, the following measures need to be undertaken:

"(a) Urgent implementation of paragraph 17 (c) of its resolution 44/211, which concerns the harmonization of the programming cycles of all United

Nations funding agencies and their adaptation to the planning periods of recipient Governments;

"(b) Integration of non-emergency food aid from the World Food Programme with funds provided by the organizations of the United Nations by ensuring that the World Food Programme Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations approves resources on the basis of a programme rather than a project-by-project approach;

"(c) Reliance on national institutions and capacities for data collection, analysis and formulation and assessment of national programmes, with the United Nations development system providing technical advice, where necessary, including high-quality data/information on development experience within the context of technical co-operation among developing countries;

"(d) Provision of resources by the United Nations funding agencies, including the trust fund resources of the specialized agencies and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme on the basis of the strategies of the recipient Government, which would serve as frames of reference for the programming of resources from the United Nations development system in an integrated manner;

"(e) Co-ordinated review of rules, procedures and formats governing the appraisal, formulation, approval, procurement, reporting, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects, with a view to promoting a programme approach and facilitating national execution;

"(f) Uniform and appropriate decentralization of authority to the country level;

"(g) Assisting recipient countries in building and strengthening the capacities of units in charge of technical assistance to enable Governments to exercise fully their responsibility for managing and programming United Nations development system resources;

"9. Takes note of the agreement in principle of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy to harmonize its programming cycles with national planning and budget cycles, and calls upon the Group to intensify its efforts in this direction;

"10. Requests the Director-General in co-operation with the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations development system, through their respective governing bodies, to institute greater country focus in their activities, which would improve efficiency and effectiveness and facilitate the maximum utilization and strengthening of national execution; this would require a redefinition of the roles, composition and range of skills available at their headquarters and in country offices, involving, inter alia, a better balance between technical expertise and administrative support staff at the

country level, according to the specific needs of each recipient country, with agency headquarters providing support to the country offices through selective intervention;

"11. Takes note of the action taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Governing Councils of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund in 1990 on decentralization in the context of the implementation of its resolution 44/211, and requests the governing bodies of the United Nations development system and the executive heads of the organizations concerned to delegate full authority to country offices, in keeping with the requirements of financial accountability, to make decisions in the following vital areas:

"(a) Procurement, awarding of fellowships and hiring of experts;

"(b) Negotiating details of project agreements;

"(c) Reviewing disbursements on a regular basis;

"(d) Reallocating funds between programmes and projects within the limits set by the country programme;

"(e) Authorizing reimbursements of eligible expenses incurred by recipients;

"(f) Making changes in the scope and design of individual projects, as required;

"12. Also requests the governing bodies of the United Nations development system and the executive heads of the organizations concerned to develop criteria for the programme audit function to ensure greater impact and the long-term sustainability of programmes;

"13. Notes with appreciation the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on successor arrangements for agency support costs, 10/ and calls upon the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system to make concrete proposals to enable the Governing Council to take a decision on outstanding issues in 1991;

"14. Stresses the need, in the implementation of operational activities, to increase substantially the procurement of equipment and services, hiring of experts and utilization of the training facilities available in developing countries in order to promote and strengthen collective self-reliance among them;

"10/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29), annex I, decision 90/26.

"15. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the Office of the Director-General, taking into account the need for equitable geographical distribution, to ensure adequate system-wide follow-up, monitoring and co-ordination of the implementation process on the basis of a consistent set of agreed guidelines;

"16. Requests the United Nations development system, in particular the United Nations funding agencies, to continue to show maximum flexibility to recipient countries facing financial difficulties in meeting their counterpart financial contributions for ongoing projects;

"17. Takes note of the three-year schedule for the implementation of the provisions of its resolution 44/211, and requests the Director-General to continue to ensure implementation of the provisions of that resolution and of the present resolution, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council."

23. At the 55th meeting, on 14 December, the representative of Bolivia made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, in which he proposed that the Committee should decide to transmit draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.75 to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-sixth session.

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 28, draft decision I).

25. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Morocco and Egypt (see A/C.2/45/SR.55).

26. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the reports under item 84 on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 28, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

27. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on future administrative arrangements for the Conference, 4/

Taking note also of its resolution 44/208 of 22 December 1989 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/80 of 27 July 1990,

1. Decides that the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should remain the principal opportunity for Member States and others to pledge their contributions to United Nations development activities, that it should continue to be convened early in November and that its basic format should remain unchanged;

2. Decides further:

(a) That the Conference should be limited to two working sessions;

(b) That the Conference should continue to be opened by the Secretary-General;

(c) That greater use should be made of written pledges, delegations being given an opportunity to make pledges in writing before the Conference takes place and to have them circulated during the Conference;

(d) That, as a general rule, statements by participants in the Conference should be limited to five minutes each;

(e) That a speakers' list should be established for Member States and others wishing to speak, the only other statements will be an opening and closing statement by the President of the Conference, should he or she wish, and short closing statements by executive heads of the United Nations programmes and funds or their representatives;

(f) That delegations which are not in a position to make a definitive pledge should make known their pledges as soon as possible;

(g) That the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the Conference should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference;

3. Urges Member States to consider increasing their financial contributions to United Nations development activities.

4/ A/45/281-E/1990/66 and Corr.1.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Population and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/210 of 22 December 1989, in which it requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to examine, in particular, the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration on A Better Life for Future Generations, 5/ to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council,

Noting decision 90/35 of 23 June 1990 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund, 6/

Also noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/82 of 27 July 1990,

Noting that the report of the United Nations Population Fund entitled The State of World Population, 1990, stressed that population growth and distribution are closely linked with environmental and development issues,

Reaffirming the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action, 7/ which were affirmed and expanded at the International Conference on Population, 8/

Recognizing that socio-economic development is conducive to the success of population policies,

Reaffirming also that assistance to developing countries in the area of population should be substantially increased during the 1990s and that developing countries should also intensify their efforts to allocate adequate resources to population programmes,

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5/ A/C.2/44/6, annex.

6/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29), annex I.

7/ See Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

8/ See Report of the International Conference on Population, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda).

1. Emphasizes the national sovereignty of all countries to formulate, adopt and implement their population policies, mindful of their cultures, values and traditions, as well as of their social, economic and political conditions, and also consistent with human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families;

2. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance, 9/ which outlines the unmet and expanding resource needs for population activities;

3. Encourages the Fund to sustain the momentum generated by the International Forum on Population in the Twenty-first Century, held at Amsterdam from 6 to 9 November 1989, through continued follow-up to the recommendations contained in the Amsterdam Declaration; 5/

4. Stresses the need to take into account all economic and social factors in integrating demographic objectives in population strategies and in the formulation of development strategies in general;

5. Emphasizes the importance of mobilizing and increasing the resources required for population activities and, in this context:

(a) Urges all Governments, each according to its capacity, concerned international and regional organizations, including the World Bank, and non-governmental organizations to make every effort to mobilize the resources required for population activities, which are estimated at $9 billion per year by the year 2000, taking into account the potential for user contributions, where feasible and advisable;

(b) Notes the crucial importance of resource investments in health and education, especially for women, for the success of population programmes, and urges Governments of developing countries to strengthen, according to their economic and social capacities and conditions, their political and financial commitments to investments in the social sector, and also urges Governments of developed countries, as well as concerned international, regional and non-governmental organizations, to strengthen their financial and technical support, in the areas of health and education, to respond positively to requests for population assistance and to increase significantly the proportion of their development assistance destined for population activities;

(c) Stresses the desirability of concentrating Fund resources, in accordance with the criteria established by the United Nations Population Fund, on countries most in need of assistance in the population field in view of their population problems, taking into account the special needs of the low-income countries, particularly the least developed countries;

9/ See A/45/529.

6. Encourages the Fund, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, to strengthen and utilize national capacities through national execution, to enhance accountability, to adopt a programme-oriented approach and decentralize capacity and authority to the field level and to support co-ordination of the United Nations system at the country level through the resident co-ordinators, and, in this context, encourages the Fund to increase the utilization of available national expertise in the formulation and implementation of population assistance activities;

7. Further encourages the Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to strengthen their co-operation in the field of maternal and child health care and family planning, each within its own mandate;

8. Emphasizes the importance of addressing the relationship between demographic pressures and unsustainable consumption patterns and environmental degradation during the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, taking into account the subsequent decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989;

9. Reaffirms the importance attached to the role of population policies in relation to development, as emphasized, inter alia, in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth special session, 10/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; 11/

10. Welcomes the willingness of the nineteen members of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as expressed in the December 1989 policy statement by Committee aid ministers and heads of aid agencies for their aid policies for the 1990s, and reiterated at Committee meetings on population and development matters held in April and June 1990, to assist developing countries to establish, fund and implement effective population strategies and programmes as a matter of priority;

11. Stresses the primary role of Governments in the formulation, implementation and co-ordination of population policies and programmes at the national level and the role of the United Nations Population Fund, upon request, in supporting the development of national capacities in that respect;

10/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

11/ Resolution 45/__.

12. Stresses also the need for co-ordination at the regional and interregional levels to focus on issues related to the attainment of specific population goals and objectives;

13. Recommends that the Fund continue to focus attention on the importance of population issues in the context of overall development plans and programmes, in particular those oriented towards the reactivation of economic growth and development of developing countries, and on the need to find and mobilize adequate resources to address these issues, and in this context, urges the Fund to continue to undertake activities aimed at building up better awareness of population issues, including, inter alia, their relation to environment and development issues and World Population Day;

14. Invites the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to give specific information, in the section on policy and programme co-ordination of the annual report, on the co-operation of the Fund with other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

World Summit for Children

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the adoption by the World Summit for Children, on 30 September 1990, of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for its implementation, 12/

1. Urges all States and other members of the international community to work for the achievement of the goals and objectives endorsed in the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action as an integral part of their national plans and international co-operation;

2. Urges especially the donor countries to assist developing countries in achieving the goals set out in the Declaration and the Plan of Action by increasing their contributions to development co-operation targeted for the special needs of children;

3. Also urges all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take into account the goals, strategies and recommendations of the Declaration and the Plan of Action in carrying out their programmes, and invites the relevant governing bodies to consider specific measures, within their competence, to address the special needs of children in the light of the Declaration and the Plan of Action;

12/ A/45/625, annex.

4. Calls upon the United Nations system to ensure appropriate dissemination of the Declaration and the Plan of Action;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to ensure the implementation and monitoring by the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system of the provisions of the present resolution;

6. Takes note of the provisions in the Plan of Action for appropriate mechanisms in the United Nations system to monitor its implementation;

7. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and its Plan of Action, in particular the response of the United Nations system;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions of 1992, at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Governance of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 44/414 of 22 November 1989,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/79 of 27 July 1990 on the governance of the World Food Programme, which is a joint programme of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Considering that a careful review of the present arrangements governing the World Food Programme is needed,

Considering that intergovernmental oversight of the World Food Programme, through the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, which reports to the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations through the Economic and Social Council and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, together with clear lines of responsibility and accountability, are required for effective governance and should contribute to the enhancement of effectiveness and efficiency of the secretariat in carrying out the mandate of the Programme,

1. Recognizes the need for improved governance arrangements for the World Food Programme consistent with its programme requirements, its accountability to Member States and its characteristics as an entity of the United Nations system;

2. Welcomes the decision taken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its twenty-ninth session 13/ to establish a Sub-Committee on Governance and Relationships between the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, and urges the Committee to complete its review expeditiously;

3. Urges the Committee in conducting its review, to take into account the need for enhanced governance arrangements and improved efficiency and effectiveness of the World Food Programme and enhanced accountability to Member States;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the foregoing, to continue to participate fully in the review of governance arrangements of the World Food Programme and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the participation of the United Nations in the review of the governance arrangements for the World Food Programme.

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28. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly decides to transmit to its forty-sixth session for consideration the draft resolution entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system". 14/

DRAFT DECISION II

Documents relating to operational activities for development

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development; 15/

13/ See E/1990/101, annex.

14/ See A/C.2/45/L.75.

15/ A/45/273-E/1990/85 and Corr.1 and Add.1-5.

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Practices and procedures aimed at a more equitable geographical distribution of sources of procurement for technical co-operation projects" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon; 16/

(c) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of rural development activities of the United Nations system in three African least developed countries" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon; 17/

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of the regional project RLA/79/031: Programme on joint studies on Latin American economic integration", and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon; 18/

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. 19/

16/ A/44/646 and A/45/648.

17/ A/45/76-E/1990/12 and Add.1.

18/ A/45/77-E/1990/10 and Add.1.

19/ A/45/347.